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MAUI BLUE BOOK

Many years since a gentleman prominent in educational circles in California came to the Islands and became a prominent educator here. Some seventeen years ago he was assigned to the Wailuku school, and realizing the importance of planting fruit trees on Maui, he planted a number of mango, orange and alligator pear trees in the schoolhouse yard. Today he sleeps his last long peaceful sleep in the Wailuku cemetery, and the grove of trees, loaded with fruit, stands as a beautiful monument to his memory, and in commemoration of his kindly thoughtfulness. This is a silent but eloquent appeal to the people of Wailuku to emulate his example for the benefit of those who are to come here after. Had others emulated his example at the time, Wailuku would today be rich in fruits for home consumption, with plenty to ship to the Honolulu market.

Social life in Wailuku and on Maui crystallizes slowly, for the reason that there is so little homogeneity among those who are adapted to constitute society. From all parts of the world people have come here to carve fortunes for themselves, and the lack of early intimate association with each other prevents that feeling of harmony and brotherhood which exists in old established communities. But for all that, there is a fine class of newcomers on Maui, and they are beginning to get together and assimilate each other's methods, habits and lines of thought. A few years more will see a charming society on Maui, with Wailuku as its center and inspiration.

A word of warning is needed for mothers who employ Japanese women as nurses for their children. During earlier infancy it makes no difference, but when a child reaches the formative period of its mind and disposition, which is often before it is a year old, the harm is done. The Japanese women are kind and gentle, but their minds are negative, and the average white child soon learns to dominate its nurse and becomes rude, impolite and selfish, as well as impudent to its nurse and to its parents. The black "Mommer" of the south was different, for she could check and control the child, a power not possessed by Japanese women.

The generous support which the proposition to start a bank on Maui has met, is a sufficient demonstration of the need for a bank here. The investors however must not imagine that they are opening up a rich gold mine, or even a big dividend paying plantation which will double and treble the original value of their capital stock. But they are investing their money in a gilt edged security which will not fluctuate in value, and which will pay a steady and satisfactory rate of interest, and which will furthermore always be convertible into gold coin at its original cost, if not more.

It is with a feeling of pardonable pride that attention is invited to the advertising columns of the News this week, not so much for the healthy condition of the paper as the healthy condition of business on the Islands. This paper would have presented its present appearance a year ago, but for the outbreak of the plague in Honolulu, supplemented by a like outbreak in Kahului. The faith of the publisher in the ultimate success of a paper on Maui, founded on the general successful handling of business on the Islands, is just beginning to be vindicated.

Real estate values in Honolulu have apparently had a slump, but this does not argue that the price of real estate is on a decline in Honolulu. The difficulty is that fictitious values have been attached to real estate which auction sales tend to correct. As a matter of fact, actual values of real estate in Honolulu are steadily advancing, as a comparison of bad rock prices now and three years ago will demonstrate, and the real estate of Honolulu will year by year become worth more.

Three years ago, there was only one place in Wailuku where liquor could legally be bought and sold, and today there are six such places, and yet as a matter of fact there is not any more drunkenness if as much now as there was then. The only difference is that there is not so much illicit liquor made or sold now as then, and the government gets the benefit of the changed condition of affairs, in the bargain.

Wailuku merchants will have to wake up and do business if they want to successfully meet competition from the outside. By means of travelling men and through the advertising columns of the Maui press, the Honolulu merchants are trying to corral all the trade and the Wailuku merchants will have to rustle and advertise, even if they have to do the latter with a sandwich man.

Now that the Kahului Railroad Company has gone to the trouble and expense of running a special Saturday night train from all points on the road to Wailuku, the people of Wailuku should rise to the situation and provide means for the entertainments of our country cousins when they come to town. And there is no doubt but that this will be done in the near future.

Do not complain of lack of local news from your own vicinity in the Maui paper until you have won that privilege by sending in at least one local item yourself.

Personal Mention.

Mr. George Weight of Lanai is visiting Wailuku this week.

Senator H. P. Baldwin returned to Maui on Wednesday's Claudine.

The engagement of Miss Hons to Mr. Waldeyer, both of Wailuku, is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowrie left for the coast via Honolulu last Saturday afternoon.

Nat. Black, the popular mail handler of Spreckelsville visited Wailuku last Sunday.

Mr. W. Anderson, formerly of the Kihai store, is now employed at the Kahului Store.

Mrs. S. E. Damon, who has been visiting on Maui, returns to Honolulu on this afternoon's Claudine.

The Misses Adams of Kamehameha are visiting Maui as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Aiken.

The wife and family of Mr. J. P. Cooke are visiting Maui and will spend some time at Olinda.

Mr. W. E. Devereux representing Hoffschlager & Co., came over on this week's Kinai to sell up Maui.

Mr. A. T. R. Jackson of the Pacific Mutual Life will leave for Honolulu on the Claudine this afternoon.

Miss Hart, who is visiting friends and relatives on Maui, leaves for Honolulu on the Claudine this afternoon.

Mr. J. E. Bird, who is interested in Maui sugar stocks, is visiting Wailuku as the guest of the Maui Hotel.

Col. W. H. Cornwell has recovered from his illness of last week, and left for Honolulu on Thursday night's Mauna Loa.

Mr. Chas. Lennox of Kahului has been appointed general freight and passenger agent of the Kahului Railroad Company.

Manager R. W. Filler of the Kahului R. R. Co. took a run over to Hana on Wednesday's Claudine, returning this morning.

Mr. J. Kirkland of the Kahului Store left for the coast via Honolulu on Thursday night's Mauna Loa, to be gone about two months.

Rev. W. Ault returned from a visit on the Mauna Loa, and will hold services at the Anglican Church tomorrow morning at eleven.

Cards have been issued announcing the birth of Harold Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Elmo Reavis of Lahainaluna, on July 26, 1901.

A farewell surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pfeifer of Spreckelsville on last Monday evening. They sailed for the coast on Wednesday on the bark "W. B. Flint."

Miss Charlotte and Master Sam Baldwin leave for the coast today to attend school, accompanied by Miss Walker, who has been visiting the Islands as the guest of Miss Charlotte Baldwin.

Mrs. Schrader and her son, Mr. George Schrader, returned from Honolulu on Wednesday's Claudine. While in Honolulu Mrs. Schrader secured a full hotel liquor license for Schrader's New Hotel.

Rev. Alex. Mackintosh and Dr. Cofer, Federal quarantine officer of Honolulu, came over on the Claudine and spent several days at the Windsor. They went to Lahaina yesterday and took the Kinai this morning.

Chas. Cook, president, and George M. Robertson, manager of Brewer & Co., spent several days on Maui this week, inspecting the Wailuku Plantation, for which Brewer & Co. are agents, and found everything in a satisfactory and prosperous condition.

Mr. John N. Cobb, agent of the U. S. Fish Commission, spent several days of the earlier part of the week on Maui, and gathered much interesting data relative to the commercial features of the fishing industry on Maui, to be incorporated in a report which will be published shortly after congress meets in December.

A jolly dinner party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Wise, Miss Smith, Miss Hall, Miss Benet, Miss Adams, Miss Towner, Mr. Fred. Armstrong, Mr. A. R. McLane, Mr. Wm. Sparks, Mr. Keeney, and Mr. N. Black from Paia and Spreckelsville, took advantage of last Saturday night's train to run up to Wailuku for a dinner at the Maui Hotel.

The Ricker Cane Loader.

Mr. W. W. Ricker, formerly of Gregg & Co., has devised a cane loader which seems to be a practical success. It is simply a hoisting machine, somewhat resembling the steam hoists used in gravel mining, but was specially devised and built for the purpose of loading cane.

It consists of a donkey engine set on a car with wheels of 36 inch gauge. On the car platform is placed a large drum and a forty foot iron crane which stands nearly upright, but which can be lowered when working, to cover a radius of forty feet. A steel wire is wound round the drum, one end of which runs through a pulley at the top of the crane. The platform on which the engine, drum and crane stands is movable, and can be turned completely round by power from the engine. When at work, the loader stands forty feet from the track on which the cane cars stand. The crane within a radius of 150 feet from the loader is tied in bundles of 1000 to 1200 lbs. and the platform and crane is turned automatically till the crane points toward the desired pile of cane and stops. Then the wire is unwound from the drum till the end of it, on which there is a grab hook, is caught in the rope with which the cane is tied. Then the motion of the drum is reversed and the wire rope wound up till the cane swings clear of the ground and at a sufficient height to load into the car, and the crane is swung round till it is directly over the car to be loaded, when the drum is reversed and the cane is lowered into the car, and the engine drum and crane are swung round again till the crane points to the pile of cane, when to wire rope is again paid out till it reaches the cane.

By this it will be seen the saving consists in the carrying of the cane to the cane cars. It would be practically impossible to devise a machine which would pick up the cane.

The cane loader carries its own track with it, in sections, and as it moves forward in the field, it simply swings its crane behind it, picks up a twelve foot section of track, and then swings round again with the track dangling to the end of the crane and lower it in the desired place in front. By this means it is readily and quickly moved forward by its own power. The entire radius of the reach of the loader is 300 feet, being 150 feet on either side. A force of ten men are required to operate the loader which includes the piling of the cane and placing it on the cane cars. A cane car with slanting sides is preferable to one with perpendicular sides.

The motive power of the engine is crude petroleum of which it consumes about 12 gallons in twelve hours. This is the only crude oil engine on the Islands. The loader is all iron and indestructible by fire, as was demonstrated some days ago, the loader having passed through the Paia cane fire without a particle of damage. This machine was manufactured by the Brown Hoisting Machinery Co. of Cleveland, and can be delivered on the Islands for about \$6000.

The Ricker cane loader is peculiarly well adapted for clearing the ground of rocks, and in the off season could be very profitably employed for that purpose.

Plantation Notes.

On Tuesday of this week, the Wailuku Plantation finished its season's run with a total output of 8,100 tons, the largest season's yield on record for this plantation. The yield would have been larger still, had labor been available for stripping cane.

The Spreckelsville Mill is still running, and it will probably take two months longer to finish grinding this year's crop. The output to date is about 18,000 tons, and there is yet about 9,000 tons to be run, making the total output of the Spreckelsville for the season 27,000 tons. The yield would have been larger, but for the heavy kona storms of the past winter which destroyed or injured quite an area of cane. There is now no scarcity of labor on Spreckelsville Plantation, and planting for the new crop is well under headway. Assistant Manager B. H. Baldwin has taken charge of the plantation during the absence of Manager Lowrie, and Senator H. P. Baldwin will make his home at Spreckelsville during Manager Lowrie's absence and generally supervise the management of the plantation.

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